



College Entrance Exam Assessment Guide

Descriptors	SAT	ACT	ACCUPLACER
Time	3 hours 50 minutes *Can vary depending on accommodations	2 hours 55 minutes *Can vary depending on accommodations	No time constraints, but an active test will expire within 14 days
Structure and Timing of Assessments	Four Sections: 1. Reading – 65 minutes, 52 standard multiple choice 2. Writing – 35 minutes, 44 standard multiple choice 3. Mathematics, 25 minutes (no calculator) 4. Mathematics, 55 minutes (calculator allowed), 45 standard multiple-choice, 13 student-produced responses *No essay	Four Sections: 1. English – 45 minutes, 75 standard multiple choice 2. Math – 60 minutes, 60 standard multiple choice 3. Reading – 35 minutes, 40 standard multiple choice 4. Science – 35 minutes, 40 standard multiple choice *No essay	Three Sections: 1. Math (depends on student ability level) a.Arithmetic – 17 standard multiple choice b. Elementary Algebra – 12 standard multiple-choice c.College-Level Math – 20 standard multiple-choice 2. Reading comprehension – 20 standard multiple-choice 3. Sentence Skills – 20 standard multiple-choice *No essay

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Test Setting	Without Accommodations	Without Accommodations	Without Accommodations
	 Classroom setting with other students One 10 minute break One five minute break With Accommodations Test setting can change: small group, one-on-one, accommodated seating, special lighting or furniture, able to stand & move, extra and extended breaks, extended time, etc. Please use College Board and SDE's SAT Reportable Score matrix to see full list of accommodations that will provide a college reportable score. 	 Classroom setting with other students One 10 minute break With Accommodations Test setting can change: one-on-one, extra and extended breaks, extended time Please contact ACT to see if accommodation is accepted for a college reportable score 	 Computer-adaptive Computer based, able to take in computer lab or a quiet space No time limit Able to take each section at own pace and separately With Accommodations Test setting can change: high contrast color schemes, magnify text, etc. Please use College Board and SDE's ACCUPLACER Reportable Score matrix to see full list of accommodations that will provide a college reportable score
Cost	 Paid for by SDE if taken Junior year on Idaho School Day *For Idaho School Day testing date, please visit SDE's College Entrance Exam webpage* \$46.00 (without essay) if taken on National SAT Day 	• \$46.00 (without essay)	 Paid for by the SDE if taken Junior year during testing window *For testing window, please visit SDE's College Entrance Exam webpage*

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Common Use	 All of Idaho's 2-and 4-year institutions accept SAT for admissions. 	All of Idaho's 2-and 4-year institutions accept ACT for admissions	 Idaho's 2-and 4-year institutions do NOT accept for admissions. Please check surrounding regional institutions that use Accuplacer for Course Placement purposes.
Direct Admissions & Scholarships	 College Board will send four (4) score reports to colleges, free of charge, every time the SAT is taken. Idaho Next Steps – Eligible students receive Direct Admission acceptance letters from State Board of Education in fall of senior year. SAT scores part of eligibility. Idaho Opportunity Scholarship – for students who have enrolled or applied to an eligible Idaho postsecondary educational institution. 	 College Board will send four (4) score reports to colleges free of charge, every time the ACT is taken. Idaho Next Steps – Eligible students receive Direct Admission acceptance letters from State Board of Education in fall of senior year. ACT scores part of eligibility. 	 None, while the Accuplacer does not apply toward admission into Idaho post-secondary institution, a score report is provided to the student to inform on possible readiness for post-secondary education and/or to assist the student, advisor, or IEP team in academic and transition planning.